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1. IN ADDITION TO NINE COMMUNISTS ELECTED ON THE FIRST TOUR 18 NOVEMBER, THE FOLLOWING 32 WERE ELECTED ON THE SECOND BALLOT 25 NOVEMBER MAKING A TOTAL OF 41:

BARBET, SEINE 33; LHUILLIER, SEINE 36; LOLIVE, SEINE 44; ODRU, SEINE 45; DUPUY, SEINE 51; SALAGNAC, SEINE 55; BALLANGER, SEINE ET OISE 9; GUYOT, ALLIER 1; CHAZE, ARDECHE 1; DOIZE, BOUCHES DU RHONE 5; GARCIN, BOUCHES DU RHONE 6; CERMOLACCE, BOUCHES DU RHONE 7; RIEUBON, BOUCHES DU RHONE 10; ROCA, GARD 2; ROUCAUTE, GARD 3; BALMIGERE, HERAULT 4; VIAL, LOIRE 4; RUFFE, LOT ET GARONNE 2; HOSTIER, NIEVRE 2; MARTEL, NORD 14; RANETTE, NORD 15; BUSTIN, NORD 18; MUSMEAUX, NORD

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19; FIEVEZ, NORD 20; CARLIER, PAS DE CALAIS 9; PRIN, PAS DE CALAIS 11; FOURVEL, PUY DE DOME 5; TOURNE, PYRENEES ORIENTALES 2; HOVEL, RHONE 6; MONCEAU, SARTHE 2; LAMPS, SOMME 1; COUILLET, SOMME 3;

2. THE FOLLOWING 24 COMMUNIST CANDIDATES LOST BY LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST:

BONTE, PARIS 10; COT, PARIS 13; BAILLOT, PARIS 27; HOUDREMONT, SEINE 43; LEVOL, SEINE 54; GASTON, SEINE ET OISE 10; RODRIGUEZ, SEINE ET OISE 15; NINOREILLE, AUBE 2; SOURY, CHARENTE 3; CHERRIER, CHER 2; GOUDOUX, CORREZE 2; LEIZOUR, COTES DU NORD 4; PERON, DORDOGNE 1; COUILLAUD, DROME 1; LEGALL, FINISTRE 8; MAURIN, GARD 1; MALGOUYRES, HAUTE GARONNE 2; ESMELIN, INDRE 2; BERTRAND, MEURTHE ET MOSELLE 6; BUSSIÈRE, NIEVRE 1; ELOY, NORD 23; LEROY, SEINE MARITIME 3; MERLE, VAR 4; MARIN, VAUCLUSE 3;

3. 24 COMMUNIST CANDIDATES LOST BY BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE CAST.

4. IN 14 CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS IN WHICH BOTH FCP AND SOCIALIST (SFIO) CANDIDATES RAN, NINE SEATS WERE WON BY SFIO, FOUR BY FCP, ONE BY THIRD PARTY.

5. IT IS DIFFICULT TO CALCULATE WITH CERTAINTY THE RESULTS OF LEFTIST DESISTANCES. ONE FORMULA IS TO THUS CREDIT VICTORY WHERE A CANDIDATE WAS NOT IN FIRST PLACE ON THE FIRST BALLOT BUT WON ON

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THE SECOND AS A RESULT OF DESISTANCE OF OTHER LEFTISTS. UNDER THIS FORMULA THE COMMUNISTS OWE ONLY ONE SEAT (BALMIGERE-HERAULT 4) TO THE SFIO AND ONE SEAT (ROCA-GARD 2) TO THE PSU. ON THE OTHER HAND, UNDER THIS SAME FORMULA THE FOLLOWING 23 SFIO SEATS OUT OF 60 WON ON THE SECOND TOUR ARE OWED TO COMMUNIST DESISTANCE: LE GALLO, SEINE 32; PHILBERT, BOUCHES DU RHONE 9; REY, HAUTE GARONNE 1; COUZINET, HAUTE GARONNE 5; VIGNEAU, GERS 1; BRETTESS, GIRONDE 6; MOCH, HERAULT 3; LAMARQUE-CANDO, LANDES 1; DUSSARTHOUS, LANDES 2; LOUSTAU, LOIR ET CHER 2; YVON, LOIR ET CHER 3; CORNETTE, TRD 4; LAURENT, NORD 6; MOLLET, PAS DE CALAIS 1; BRUGIERE, PUY DE DOME 1; PLANEIX, PUY DE DOME 3; SAUZEDDE, PUY DE DOME 4; ESCANDE, SAONE ET LOIRE 1; BOISSON, SEINE MARITIME 9; RAUST, TARN 1; SPENALE, TARN 3; GAUDIN, VAR 1; AUGIER, VAUCLUSE 2;

6. UNDER THE SAME FORMULA, THE RADICALS ARE BEHOLDEN TO THE FCP FOR SIX SEATS:

PONSEILLE, HERAULT 1; BERTHOVIN, INDRE ET LOIRE 3 (DEFEATING MICHEL DEBRE); DUHAMEL, JURA 2; SCHLOESSING, LOT-ET-GARONNE 3; DURAFFOUR, SAONE ET LOIRE 2; BOUTHIERE, SAONE ET LOIRE 3;

7. THE VICTORY OF THE PSU CANDIDATE FOR BLEUSE (SEINE 49) IS ALSO THE RESULT OF FCP DESISTANCE AND SUPPORT.

8. DESISTANCE RESULTS TEND TO SUPPORT BOTH MOLLET AND THOREZ

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RATIONALES IN JUSTIFYING MUTUAL DESISTANCE TO THEIR PARTIES AND CLIENTELE. FOR MOLLET A STRAIGHT POLITICAL DEAL IN WHICH HE ASSURED VICTORY TO COMMUNISTS IN ONE CIRCUMSCRIPTION, LEAVING ASIDE IMPONDERABLES OF ANTI-COMMUNIST BLOC STRENGTH, IN RETURN FOR FCP ASSURING SFIO VICTORY IN 23 CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS. FOR COMMUNISTS, TO WHOM NUMBER OF SEATS HELD NOT AS IMPORTANT AS OVERALL INFLUENCE WITHIN ENTIRE LEFT, FACT THAT OVER ONE-THIRD SOCIALIST SEATS WERE WON THANKS TO FCP, EFFECTIVELY BREACHES THE ANTI-COMMUNIST WALL OF SFIO, AND CREATES A POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH SFIO WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO RESIST INCREASING PRESSURES FOR JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNISTS.

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